

## Boscola Urges Congress to Secure the Southern Border

Senator Boscola Calls for Congressional Action to Secure Our Southern Border

Senator Boscola supported a resolution concerning the need to secure our southern border. She stated that she would have written the resolution differently because Congressional inaction is more to blame than any one administration for the failure to implement immigration reform. "This resolution sidesteps the undeniable truth – the issue we face today is the culmination of nearly four decades of inaction by Congress that resulted from an unwillingness to find compromise," Boscola said. However, she stated that voting for this resolution was a way to express her constituent's concerns about this issue and said something needs to be done.



## PA Trout Stocking Schedule Announced: 3.2 Million Fish to be Stocked in 2024

One sign of spring on the horizon - besides Punxatawny Phil not seeing his shadow! -is the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission releasing its adult trout stocking schedule for 2024.

Now that the ever-coveted trout stocking schedule has been posted, our anglers can start preparing for the upcoming season by purchasing their fishing licenses and gear as well as begin to plan their fishing trips.

The PFBC said it plans to stock about 3.2 million adult trout in 697 streams and 129 lakes open to public angling in Pa. That includes roughly 2.4 million Rainbow Trout; 702,000 Brown Trout; and 132,000 Brook Trout.

Trout StockingThe PFBC said they also plan to stock about 70,000 brood fish this year. Those fish are 2½-year-old and 3½-year-old hatchery-raised Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, and Brook Trout measuring 14-20 inches. About 70% of these large fish will be stocked into streams and lakes during the preseason, while 30% will be stocked during in-season replenishment stockings.

The trout stocking schedule is searchable by county, lists the waterways in alphabetical order, and indicates stocking dates, meeting locations for volunteers, and the species of trout that will be stocked at each location, the PFBC said. You can also view the schedule using the FishBoatPA mobile app.

The opening day of trout season will be April 6. The Youth Trout Day will be March 30.

A reminder that fishing is not permitted on lakes and streams designated as Stocked Trout Waters between Feb. 19 to 8 a.m. April 8. The only exceptions are the Mentored Youth Trout Fishing Day, or waters that are included in the Stocked Trout Waters Open to Year-Round Fishing program.

\*\*In addition to the trout raised at fish hatcheries, nurseries run by sportsmen's clubs and other groups will add an additional million trout to state fishing waters.

## 50th Anniversary & "Get Outdoors NorCo" Logo Selection Opportunity

By Brittney Waylen

EASTON - Northampton County Executive Lamont G. McClure and the Northampton County Parks and Recreation Division celebrate 50 years in 2024 of providing recreational and conservation initiatives to the public.

In 1975, a search for the design of the Northampton County Parks logo was first initiated, returning sixty-three individual entries. In December 1975, a student from Northampton Community College, Ms. Colleen M. Hayne of Bath, PA, was announced as the winner of the design. For nearly the past 50 years, the logo has sustained and continues to be the prominent icon.

The Northampton County Parks and Recreation Division is excited to announce the launch of a similar logo competition to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Division beginning today.

High school students are encouraged to be competitive and provide a design that will be unique but comprehensive to Northampton County Parks & Recreation. This logo will be incorporated in all 50th Anniversary planned events, marketing, and giveaways. In addition, the Division is promoting a new "Get Outdoors NorCo" that will promote all of its upcoming and future free public events and programs.

"Our youth were essential to our Division's efforts and progress over the last 50 years. With pressures from development, loss of habitat, weather changes, and continuous support to preserve, protect, and enhance our public spaces, this is an excellent opportunity for youth to help promote the County's initiatives into the future," said Bryan S. Cope, Superintendent of Parks & Recreation.

The submission deadline for the "50th Anniversary" and "Get Outdoors NorCo" logos is no later than 11:59 p.m. Friday, March 22, 2024. All entries must be submitted to Emily Correll, Parks Clerical Specialist, at ecorrell@norcopa.gov.

Winners will be announced in April 2024.

## Opportunity for Student Poll Workers on Election Day

By Brittney Waylen

EASTON - Northampton County Elections Office is accepting student poll worker applications for the upcoming Primary Election on Tuesday, April 23rd, and General Election on Tuesday, November 5th.

The PA Election Code permits high school students 17 years of age or older to serve at the polls in specific capacities. Students must live in Northampton County and obtain permission from their principal and parent/guardian to serve as poll workers.

Student poll workers must attend mandatory training prior to the Primary Election and are paid for their training time and work on Election Day. Northampton County student poll workers are paid \$175 for serving all of Election Day. Election Day hours are from 6:30 a.m. until after the polls close at 8 p.m.

Any 17-year-old or older high student interested in becoming a poll worker should complete this form and email it to the Northampton County Elections Office at election@norcopa.gov.



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